



1 is denied. There is no constitutional right to appointment of counsel in a civil case. *Ivey v.*  
2 *Bd. of Regents of Univ. of Alaska*, 673 F.2d 266, 269 (9th Cir. 1982). The Court, however,  
3 does have the discretion to allow litigants to proceed *in forma pauperis* and to appoint  
4 counsel in “exceptional circumstances.” See 28 U.S.C. § 1915; *Wilborn v. Escalderon*, 789  
5 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986); *Aldabe v. Aldabe*, 616 F.2d 1089 (9th Cir. 1980). In order  
6 to determine whether exceptional circumstances exist, the Court evaluates the plaintiff’s  
7 “likelihood of success on the merits [and] the ability of the [plaintiff] to articulate his or her  
8 claim *pro se* in light of the complexity of the legal issues involved.” *Richard v. Harper*, 864  
9 F.2d 85, 87 (9th Cir. 1988) (quoting *Weygant v. Look*, 718 F.2d 952, 954 (9th Cir. 1983));  
10 see also *Wilborn*, 789 F.2d at 1331. Neither factor is determinative, and the Court must  
11 consider both factors before reaching a decision on a request for appointment of counsel. See  
12 *Wilborn*, 789 F.2d at 1331.

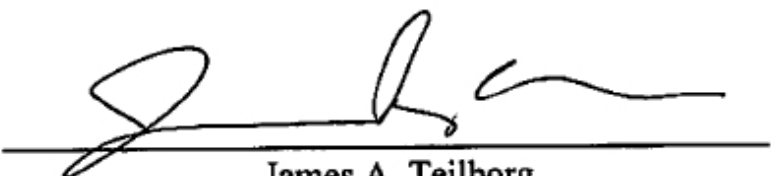
13 Here, Plaintiff has shown some likelihood of success on the merits, however the legal  
14 issues are not complex, and Plaintiff has demonstrated a high ability to articulate his claims  
15 *pro se*. Further, Plaintiff will be out of custody at the time of trial; thereby allowing him  
16 more time to prepare for his case. Thus, the Court does not find appointment of counsel to  
17 be warranted in this case.

18 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff’s motion for status review (Doc. 161)  
19 is denied.

20 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** granting Plaintiff’s motion to exclude defense  
21 witnesses from the courtroom during trial (Doc. 162); this Order is without prejudice to  
22 defense counsel raising at the time of trial whether the defense expert(s) should be allowed  
23 in the courtroom for the entire trial.

24 DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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James A. Teilborg  
Senior United States District Judge